

The Press and Banner.

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1887.

The C. G. and A. Road.

We learn that the outlook for the Chester, Greenwood and Abbeville Railroad is most cheering, and that the preliminary work goes bravely on. General Hoke is perfectly satisfied with his progress up to this time. The rights of way are being secured along the line, and arrangements are being made for an early consolidation of the road with the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad.

The township of Greenwood has petitioned the County Commissioners to order an election authorizing the township to subscribe \$10,000 to the road, provided it does not take over three per cent. to raise that amount. The petition has been examined by the attorney of the road, L. W. Perrin, Esq., who has pronounced it regular and in due form. It was handed to the County Commissioners on Monday last, and they have ordered the election to take place on Thursday, the 27th instant. The advertisement, we believe, is to appear in the *Greenwood Tribune* of this week.

Colonel James Edward Calhoun has secured and delivered the right of way through his immense estate on both sides of the river. We believe, extends for four miles this side the river, and for some three miles on the other side of the stream.

In addition to this cheering news, we learn that the violent opposition which at one time existed between here and the river on account of the location of the line has somewhat subsided since these good citizens are becoming convinced of the great value of the road, wherever it may be located. We sincerely trust our friends may see it to their interest to put no obstruction in the way of an enterprise which will result in great good to the whole country.

The Central System.

General Alexander has been elected to take charge of the Georgia Central system of railroads in place of Captain Raoul. What effect this change will have upon the business interests of this section of the country can only be surmised. Nothing is known in Abbeville. We have heard the suggestion that it was possible, if not probable, that the change of officers might be followed by a revision of the freight tariff, which might be fair to Abbeville.

President Haskell of the C. G. and A. Road and President Alexander of the Central are brothers-in-law, and it is presumed that the roads will not be hostile.

Recently a plan was inaugurated whereby the payment of all freights from Augusta to this point have been demanded at Greenwood, and we learn that for the detention of perishable goods at that place, a citizen of this town will likely institute suit for damages to goods which must have perished in this cold weather. We know not who is to be the vexatious exactions from customers of the road, and the injurious delays to which they have been occasioned, but we trust the evils may be remedied—if not by the parties themselves, then by the Railroad Commission, the Courts, or the Legislature.

Specimens of English.

The *Carolina Teacher* says: "When you are through you may bring your slates to me."

A Fairfield lady teacher correspondent of the same paper says:

"I will try and get to your teacher in our district to subscribe for your valuable paper."

The *Teacher*, in another paragraph, says: "There is not a teacher in the school but takes at least one educational journal, and some of them so many as four or five."

A little more than a year ago the *Press and Banner* was enlarged to its present size. After an experience of fifteen months, we are abundantly satisfied that we did right in making the change. It is true that we incurred a considerable expense by the enlargement, but the income of the office has been correspondingly increased. Our subscribers are better pleased and we are gratified to hear many kindly expressions of our paper. The times are hard, but we shall strive the more earnestly to make the *Press and Banner* an indispensable article in every family in Abbeville county.

The *Charleston News and Courier* publishes a very elaborate paper showing the great prosperity with which our State has been blessed. It affords pleasant reading, but we are forced to the opinion that there is nothing more deceiving than figures.

"CONSTITUTIONAL CUSINESS" is the way the *News and Courier* heads an editorial. That paper would not have used the objectionable word five years ago.

THE ABBEVILLE LITERARY CLUB.

Elegant Entertainment by the "Homeless" — Tonics, Stories, and Sentiment—The Midnight Bells—The Parting Song.

The Literary Club was entertained at the New Hotel last Friday night, December 31, 1886, by the "Homeless," the "Homeless" being composed of those members of the club who find it inconvenient to entertain in their homes. The club was called to order by Mr. J. S. Perrin, President. Thos. P. Cotti, Secy., then read the following resolutions: "The 'Life and Character of Thomas Babington Macaulay.' Many members made remarks on the essay, and the dinner did not have the highest admiration for his genius, the majority were enthusiastic of the distinguished orator and his subject."

At the conclusion of the discussion, the members of the club and the invited guests were conducted to the spacious dining room of the New Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner had been beautifully decorated by the lady friends of the "Homeless," and the tables of which were spread with a beautiful and choice selection of the most delicate and the most substantial viands. Good coffee and good punch were served in sufficient quantities to satisfy all.

Mr. Benet, President of the "Homeless," presided, and the whole affair passed off most pleasantly.

When the dinner had been eaten, and the regular toasts to the President of the club, Mr. J. S. Perrin, President of the "Homeless," Mr. Benet, had been offered and handsomely responded to by these gentlemen, quite a number of irregular or impromptu toasts were offered and responded to in the happiest manner. Song and story added to the evening's enjoyment.

At twelve o'clock the church bells of the town tolled the death of the Old Year, and soon the merry ring announced the birth of the New Year. The time lingered around the board and when the time came to break up, every voice joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," standing around the table, when the lines

"And there's a han', my trusty friend,
And gie a han' o' thine."

were reached each man offered his right hand to his left hand neighbor, while his right hand neighbor took his left hand. When the line of the song was sung the club adjourned, all feeling glad for being present.

Mr. J. S. Kline is next successor to Judge Cotnam alternate. Place of meeting, Major A. B. Wardlaw's.

Other readers should overlook the advertisement of Mrs. Frank Leslie which appears in this paper. The proprietor of this well-known and enterprising publishing house of a splendid staff of artists, and is a "Liberty," free of charge, to every subscriber to the *Illustrated Newspaper* or the *Popular Monthly*, or for two subscribers to the *Sunday Magazine*. Each of these publications have hosts of old readers and friends in all parts of the country, who do not need to be told that they are among the very best issued. The *Illustrated Newspaper* is an exact facsimile of the colored page in *National Geographic Magazine*, and is an exceedingly pretty and effective paper or mantle ornament—"not for a day, but for all time." Mrs. Leslie's business enterprise has secured absolute control for premium purposes, of the magazine, and it will be offered by no other publisher. The *Frank Leslie* is next successor to Judge Cotnam alternate. Place of meeting, Major A. B. Wardlaw's.

Mrs. J. W. MARSHALL offers for sale or rent her house and lot on Magazine Hill. Mr. J. W. RYAN will move to his new place near Greenwood. Mr. J. W. RYAN is next successor to Judge Cotnam alternate. Place of meeting, Major A. B. Wardlaw's.

OUR RAILROAD CENTRE.

LIFE, PLEASURE, AND INCIDENTS ABOUT GREENWOOD.

Cold Weather—New Comers—Marriage Notes—Burglary—Faithful Preachers—Delightful Dance—List of Pretty Women and Distinguished Visitors.

GREENWOOD, S. C., January 3, 1887.

Uncle Sam's weather prophet did not err when he warned us of an approaching cold storm. Before the dawn of the Sabbath morning it was cold enough to earn us of the rigors of last winter's blizzards.

Mr. A. C. Pratt has rented the farm and moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. J. S. Colquhoun. Greenwood gladsly received and welcomes as a citizen every worthy man, of whatever profession or calling, who chooses to make this thriving place his home.

Nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the holidays and all have entered the week of the season with a cheerful and contented heart. The streets of the town are thronged with the throngs of the holiday-makers, and the air is filled with the music of the festive season.

Mr. A. C. Blake, of McLeansville, N. C., spent the holidays at his home in Greenwood. He is a well-known and popular citizen, and his presence in our town was a great pleasure to all.

On last Sunday Rev. W. A. Rogers preached in the Presbyterian church. Rev. T. H. Matthews, the pastor, being absent. Rev. G. H. Carter occupied the Baptist pulpit morning and evening.

On the 23rd of December, 1886, at the residence of Mr. H. G. Harlow, Mr. Henry Counts, of Greensboro, and Mr. E. L. Catbert, of Aiken, immediately after the marriage of the happy couple, for the first time in their lives, were married by the Rev. L. C. Catbert, of Aiken.

By this marriage, Greenwood society has lost a valuable man, and Laurens has gained a valuable one. The bride is a young woman of fine talents and a good character. The groom is a young man of fine talents and a good character.

Miss Sallie McCall, after spending several weeks with her sister Mrs. J. W. Spores, returned last Tuesday.

Prof. Geo. C. Hughes moved into his new residence on Reynolds Street last Thursday. Gen. Hoke was in Greenwood last Wednesday looking after the interests of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad. His assurances did much in arousing the enthusiasm of the friends of the great enterprise.

Mr. E. L. Catbert, who has been the closing business here for a year or more, on account of failing health and other causes has removed his stock of goods to Columbia. His business here for a year or more, on account of failing health and other causes has removed his stock of goods to Columbia.

On last Friday night an unsuccessful attempt was made to enter the store of Mr. J. L. Owens, of Old Greenwood. This with the late raids that have been made on the stores of the town, would indicate that an organized band of house-breakers are giving this section their special attention.

On Monday, the 10th, a municipal election will be held here. No nominations have been made yet.

Mr. H. S. Cunningham, of Port Royal, formerly of this place, was in town one or two days with friends last week. He is now engaged in teaching.

Rev. W. A. Rogers, who has served so faithfully and acceptably the churches of this county for the last three years, will leave on to-morrow for Marion, to which station he has been appointed. He will long be remembered in the prayers of many Christians here. Rev. F. Auld, his successor here, will arrive in a few days.

Mr. K. D. Durr is able to leave his room for the first time in more than two weeks.

On Wednesday evening in Durst's Hall, the Grand Annual Ball of the Greenwood Social Club was given and all the fond anticipations of our young people were realized. Every necessary preparation had been made; suitable committees appointed; the perfect order and system which marked the occasion and the harmony and order with which it was conducted is a proper cause for praise and congratulation.

The Rev. Mr. Stead and son, of Wallula, have been visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. G. C. Taylor.

General John A. Logan, the great soldier and Illinois Senator is dead, and the Southern people make more to do over it than when the great Lee died. Quicker people than Southerners.

Col. T. H. Walker, formerly of this county but now in the army, has been spending Christmas with his old friends and relatives. The blizzard of last Sunday was foretold by old Proverbs, and the weather was accordingly.

Messrs. Warrick and Cartledge, two pleasant young gentlemen of Greenwood, were here on the 2nd inst. They were in the city on business, and we suppose will return to their homes in a few days.

Dr. M. C. Taggart, of Greenwood, was in town last week.

Mr. J. Henry Rice goes to Santa Union county, to teach school. Mr. Rice is thoroughly qualified for the position, and we commend him to the good people of Union. His father, the Superintendent of the Santa Union school, was one of the best teachers we have ever known.

Mrs. A. M. Turner has returned from a visit to friends in Laurens.

ROBBERS TRYING TO STEAL THE DOORS OF THE STORES—HEADQUARTERS FOR TEACHERS—SOME GOOD SHOOTING—SOME GOOD FARMING—HAWK HUNTER—AND RABBIT KILLER—DOZENS OF OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST.

NINETY-SIX IN DANGER.

Robbers Trying to Steal the Doors of the Stores—Headquarters for Teachers—Some Good Shooting—Some Good Farming—Hawk Hunter—And Rabbit Killer—Dozens of Other Matters of Interest.

NINETY-SIX IN DANGER.

Burglars have made another attempt to rob some of our merchants. On last Thursday night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, the doors of the stores were forced open, and the burglars made their escape. The loss was not great, but the attempt was a warning to all.

Three gentlemen from Newberry, Messrs. Silas McCaughan, J. C. Myers and Dr. Gilson, came up last week and spent two days with Mr. B. B. Kinard hunting. In the two days they bagged 20 birds. They are represented as fine shots, as their success would indicate.

Mr. A. J. Quantelbaum is moving to Augusta, and Mr. M. M. Taylor is moving to Greenwood. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Anderson entertained quite a pleasant party of young folks on last Thursday evening. About thirty present and all enjoyed themselves.

The time for swearing off from swearing is an annual event. The time for swearing off from swearing is an annual event. The time for swearing off from swearing is an annual event.

The pretty Christmas tree at the Methodist church on the 27th ultimo, was loaded with gifts for the little folks. The exercises consisted of singing and prayer.

Miss Mattie Calhoun has gone to Atlanta to attend to her business. She is a young woman of fine talents and a good character. The groom is a young man of fine talents and a good character.

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The Ninety-Six Christmas turkeys were generally distributed to the poor of the county, several in distant counties and one in Georgia. Let the good work go on.

We know of no better chance to make a fortune than to buy a blind mule and start a dray at Ninety-Six. It pays beyond a doubt. We hear of several young men who have sworn off from all those little sins incident to a young man's life. Now is the time for good resolutions, and we wish, we hope, to see them all developed into good habits.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

Of the School Commissioner

—OF—

Abbeville County

For the Fiscal Year Commencing November 1885, and Ending

October 31, 1886.

District No. 1.

M. Sue Griffin	100 00
W. S. Johnson	100 00
J. C. Payton	100 00
Hattie K. Pope	100 00
M. C. Lovejoy	100 00
Myra Stuart	100 00
Coral L. Morrow	41 72
William Holland	40 00
W. T. McDavid	40 00
Emma E. Owens	40 00
Tullulah Anderson	100 00
Josephine Reynolds	30 00
Bessie M. Anderson	25 00
J. R. Milford	10 00
R. D. Fletcher	20 00
W. L. Anderson, repairs	10 00
Total	\$900 61

District No. 2.

Mrs. W. C. McLester and ass't.	\$166 50
Indiana J. Butler	81 00
Wm. Clark and ass't.	100 00
Jus. W. Walker	81 00
S. P. Boozer and ass't.	139 50
Laura Coleman	112 50
T. A. Graham	100 00
A. C. Goggins	112 50
Allice Logan	112 50
Anna Bell	112 50
Misses Giles	225 00
A. H. Blackwell	45 00
J. H. Bell, repairs	6 50
Total	\$1,567 00

District No. 3.

Mat. Hodges, building school	20 00
J. N. Cochran, repairs	20 00
Prof. R. S. Sams, of Gaffney City, spent several days in our town during the holidays.	125 00
Capt. McKenzie and wife, of Planters, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill last week.	100 00
Work on the Atlantic, Greenville and Western Railroad will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.	125 00
Jennie McIlwaine	81 00
D. S. Klugh and ass't.	145 00
Dulcia E. Glass	60 00
J. S. Glass	6 00
H. E. McGhee	125 00
Mrs. J. F. Hodges	125 00
J. C. Hemphill	40 00
Lily McGhee	100 00
W. B. Graham	25 00
Wm. Makins	10 00
Amma Cook	125 00
Total	\$1,829 50

District No. 4.

Sallie A. Reed	\$75 50
Sarah Stark	94 50
H. B. Watkins and ass't.	45 75
H. H. Watkins and ass't.	150 00
B. F. Moore	61 50
Lonie V. Eakin	90 00
W. R. Dunn, lumber for school	10 00
house	30 00
J. T. Davidson	94 75
V. E. Miller	20 00
J. Y. Gambrell	20 00
J. W. McDowell	58 50
Carrie Wigfall	54 00
P. J. Vermillion	50 00
Barnes, Dunn & Co., for school house	5 50
Total	\$990 06

District No. 5.

W. B. Acker	\$85 00
Bessie Cox	61 25
J. N. Jones	85 00
Hattie Clinckscale	25 00
M. S. Burton	54 00
Ellen Crawford	30 00
Jennie Edwards	50 00
Julia Kennedy	50 00
J. R. Clinckscale	85 00
Corrie Moore	61 25
Nannie Harkness	85 00
O. T. Turner	34 00
Carrie Clinckscale	34 00
J. E. Vass	34 00
Total	\$817 50

District No. 6.

G. W. Lomax	\$125 00
R. J. Smith	50 00
R. L. Garlington	8 25
Mrs. J. P. Hawthorne	125 00
Jno. M. Leith	125 00
Myra Mabry	125 00
Ann M. Emerson	125 00
Lella A. McCall	112 50
Angeline Romans	20 15
Ellen Crawford	30 00
Nannie E. Gordon	90 00
W. T. Finley	72 00
Moitie Clinckscale	12 50
Total	\$1,064 40

District No. 7.

V. R. Hinton, building sch'l	\$35 00
W. L. Griffin	130 00
Graville Martin	100 00
James A. Presley	100 00
Joseph A. Presley	100 00
W. H. Henderson (sch. house)	100 00
E. W. Turner	50 00
E. A. Pindle	125 00
Mrs. L. J. Hutchison	150 00
Wm. S. T. Eakin	150 00
Sae E. Morton	38 75
Coral L. Morrow	21 25
Total	\$990 00

District No. 8.

M. M. Washington	\$7 20
A. G. Presley	90 00
Bessie Cochran	41 76
Vincent Griffin	121 65
E. W. Watson, building school	30 00
Coral L. Morrow	50 30
Bessie McLaughlin	115 00
S. P. Brooks, rent of school house	10 00
and velvet	20 00
Bessie M. Adams	100 00
L. A. Campbell	90 00
J. W. McDowell	10 00
Total	\$711 41

District No. 9.

S. Ada Cowan	\$57 75
N. O. Pyles and T. J. Pyles	215 00
Bessie Cochran	15 00
M. F. Young	100 00
Lula Brown	107 50
Mattie Regan	100 00
Isaac H. White and assistant	162 50
Rebecca Oglesby	25 00
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D. N. Kennedy	110 00

M. M. Washington..... 18 00

Total..... \$1,111 25

District No. 10.

Mrs. Sylvia White.....	\$9 00
W. T. Finley.....	10 75
W. T. Richey.....	60 00
S. Ada Cowan.....	35 70
Nellie Presley.....	80 00
Minnie J. Cowan.....	80 00
Louise G. Gilbert.....	80 00
Mrs. S. M. Wardlaw.....	80 00
Total.....	\$527 45

District No. 11.

Hattie S. Bridgely.....	\$9 00
Norman Richey.....	40 00
A. J. Reed.....	80 00
Nannie Matison.....	100 00
Lemuel Reed.....	60 00
J. T. Donaldson.....	50 00
Mrs. Julia Martin.....	100 00
Emma J. Marshall.....	40 00
Mrs. N. J. Belbes.....	65 00
D. R. Penny.....	100 00
C. C. Robinson.....	50 00
Jane A. Richey.....	80 00
A. F. Lipford.....	30 00
D. S. Benson.....	60 00
W. Archer and two assistants	210 00
Mrs. Lucy Thompson.....	85 00
Kittie Perrin.....	20 00
Total.....	\$1,266 20

District No. 12.

W. T. Milford.....	\$122 50
Lucia Norris.....	110 00
A. G. Hampton.....	65 00
Mary F. Devlin.....	18 00
Jennie E. Cason.....	100 00
M. E. Erwin, school house.....	50 00
Mrs. E. J. Haddon.....	87 00
S. S. Wright.....	88 50
Ellen Crawford.....	14 40
Table M. Yates.....	72 00
O. H. Stevenson.....	66 00
Lula Cason.....	100 00
J. D. Moore.....	8 40
A. H. Chapman.....	26 25
Mrs. M. A. Robinson.....	8 80
Total.....	\$570 78

District No. 13.

R. G. Lesley.....	\$93 75
J. B. Franks.....	65 00
Mollie Clinckscale.....	103 65
B. F. Gray.....	16 75
J. F. Harper.....	95 50